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and ORGANON LLC

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

KAROLINA CHRISTENSEN, an individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERCK & CO., INC., a New Jersey  
Corporation; MERCK SHARP & DOHME  
CORP., a New Jersey Corporation;  
ORGANON & CO., a Delaware Corporation;  
ORGANON LLC, a Delaware Limited  
Liability Company; and DOES 1-10,  
Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-00868-KES-EPG

**DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
FILE ANSWER TO COMPLAINT**

[Removed from Plumas County Superior  
Court Case Number CV22-00035]

Action Filed: March 4, 2022

Action Removed: May 20, 2022

Trial Date: None Set

<sup>1</sup> Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. is now known as Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC.

On June 22, 2022, the Court entered an Order pursuant to the parties' stipulation, ordering Defendants Merck & Co., Inc., Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., Organon & Co., and Organon LLC ("Defendants") to file their response to Plaintiff Karolina Christensen's ("Plaintiff") complaint within fourteen (14) days of entry of an order resolving the motions to dismiss pending in *Ramos v. Merck & Co., Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00430-DAD-EPG; *Wylie v. Merck & Co., Inc. et al.*, Case No. 2:22-cv00604-DAD-EPG; *Hobbs v. Merck & Co., Inc. et al.*, Case No. 2:22-cv-00662-DAD-EPG; and *Edwards, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00433-DAD-EPG. (Dkt. No. 10 at 4.) The June 22, 2022 Order further ordered the parties to jointly contact the Court's Courtroom Deputy to reset the Initial Scheduling Conference within seven (7) days of Defendants' response to the complaint. (*Id.*)

On September 30, 2024, Defendants withdrew their motions to dismiss filed in the above-referenced cases. Thus, Defendants hereby provide notice that Defendants intend to file an answer to Plaintiff's complaint within five (5) days of the filing of this Notice. Defendants further request an Initial Scheduling Conference pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and will jointly contact the Courtroom Deputy with Plaintiff to reset the Initial Scheduling Conference.

DATED: September 30, 2024

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